

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims:

1. (previously presented) A method for scanning media comprising:
positioning a medium having a target surface proximate to a surface of a scanner;
interposing a focal point shifter between said surface of said scanner and said target surface; and
refractively shifting a focal point of light of the scanner from a point proximate to said scanner surface to a point proximate to said target surface.
2. (canceled)
3. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
pressing said target surface toward a first surface of said shifter.
4. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
shaping said shifter such that it operates as a lens.
5. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
maintaining a separation between said shifter and said surface of said scanner to minimize interference effects.
6. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
maintaining a separation between said shifter and said target surface to minimize interference effects.

7. (currently amended) A device for use in the scanning of media comprising:
means for shifting a focal point of a scanner, the means interposed between a scanner surface and a target surface located on a medium; and
means for orienting the-a medium to said shifting means, wherein said shifting means refractively moves the intended scanning area of a scanner from an area proximate to said scanner surface to an area proximate to said target surface.
8. (canceled)
9. (original) The device of claim 7 wherein said shifting means is incorporated in a template.
10. (original) The device of claim 7 further comprising:
compression means to press the target surface and said shifting means together.
11. (original) The device of claim 7 wherein said shifting means is shaped to be slideably insertable into a media holder bringing the target surface closer to said shifting means.
12. (currently amended) The device of claim 7-17 wherein said shifting means is shaped to conform with said target surface.
13. (original) The device of claim 7 further comprising:
means for keeping said shifting means from touching the scanner surface.
14. (original) The device of claim 7 further comprising:
means for keeping said shifting means from touching the target surface.

15. (original) The device of claim 7 further comprising:

a backlight positioned on an opposite side of said medium from said scanner surface.

16. (previously presented) The system for scanning media comprising:

a scanner to scan a target surface of a medium; and

a focal point shifter interposed between a surface of the scanner and the target surface, wherein said shifter refractively moves an optimal point from a point proximate to said scanner surface to a point proximate to said target surface.

17. (canceled).

18. (original) The system of claim 16 wherein said shifter is part of a media template.

19. (original) The system of claim 16 further comprising:

a lid that closes over the medium pressing the target surface toward the shifter.

20. (original) The system of claim 16 wherein a surface of said shifter is adapted to match said target surface.

21. (original) The system of claim 16 wherein said shifter is slideably insertable into a media template.

22. (original) The system of claim 16 further comprising:

at least one gasket to prevent the shifter from maintaining contact with the scanner surface.

23. (original) The system of claim 16 further comprising:

at least one gasket to prevent the shifter from maintaining contact with the target surface.